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SUBJ: EXECUTIVE BRANCH: COLOMBIA'S NEW GOVERNMENT

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1. ON AUG 7, NEWLY-INAUGURATED PRESIDENT JULIO CESAR TURBAY AYALA NAMED A CABINET OF SEVEN LIBERALS, FIVE CONSERVATIVES AND ONE MILITARY OFFICER. TRUE TO HIS PROMISE TO TREAT THE TWO CONSERVATIVE FACTIONS EVEN-HANDEDLY AND AVOID FOMENTING DIVISION AMONG CONSERVATIVES, HE NAMED TWO MINISTERS EACH FROM THE MAJORITY ALVARISTA AND MINORITY OSPINO-PASTRANISTA FACTIONS, PLUS ONE CONSERVATIVE NOT IDENTIFIED WITH A FACTION. TURBAY ALSO NAMED A NEW CHIEF OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY DEPARTMENT (DAS-A DEY AGENCY IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE MATTERS), A NEW MAYOR OF BOGOTA, NATIONAL PLANNING CHIEF, AND VARIOUS PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORS AND AIDES.

2. THE NEW CABINET MINISTERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
FOREIGN RELATIONS: INDALECIO LIEVANO AGUIRRE (INCUMBENT), LIBERAL;
GOVERNMENT: GERMAN ZEA HERNANDEZ, VETERAN LIBERAL POLITICIAN, TURBAY CAMPAIGN MANAGER, FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER, AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO THE UN;
DEFENSE: GENERAL LUIS CARLOS CAMACHO LEYVA, FORMER COMMANDING GENERAL OF ARMED FORCES;
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FINANCE: JAIME GARCIA PARRA, INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE, NOW AMBASSADOR IN LONDON;
JUSTICE: HUGO ESCOBAR SIERRA, 51, ALVARISTA CONSERVATIVE, LAWYER, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO ECUADOR;
DEVELOPMENT: GILBERTO ECHEVERRY MAJIA, LIBERAL;
EDUCATION: RODRIGO LLOREDA CAICEDO, 36, OSPINO-PASTRANISTA CONSERVATIVE;

HEALTH: ALFONSO JARAMILLO SALAZAR, LIBERAL, MEDICAL DOCTOR,
FORMER AMBASSADOR TO NORWAY;
LABOR: RODRIGO MARIN BERNAL, 42, ALVARISTA CONSERVATIVE, LAWYER,
FORMER PRESIDENT OF CHAMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND FORMER
AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM;
AGRICULTURE: GERMAN BULA HOYOS, 52, LIBERAL;
PUBLIC WORKS: ENRIQUE VARGAS RAMIREZ, 53, LIBERAL, STRONG
TURBAYISTA, ENGINEER;
COMMUNICATIONS: JOSE MANUEL ARIAS CARRIZOSA, 45, LIBERAL, AND
REPORTEDLY THE ONLY "LIBERISTA" IN THE NEW
CABINET;
MINES AND ENERGY: ALBERTO VASQUEZ RESTREPO, 54, OSPINA-
PASTRANISTA CONSERVATIVE, ENGINEER.

3. OTHER MAJOR NEW APPOINTMENTS ARE:

NATIONAL CHIEF OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECURITY DEPARTMENT (DAS):
RAFAEL POVEDA ALFONSO, LAWYER, EXPERT IN PENAL REFORM AND
INACTIVE LIBERAL;
NATIONAL PLANNING DIRECTOR: EDUARDO WIESNER DURAN;
CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR: GUILLERMO GAVIRIA, LIBERAL;
MAYOR OF BOGOTA: HERNANDO DURAN DUSSAN, LIBERAL, FORMER
MINISTER OF FINANCE, MINES AND EDUCATION,
AND FORMER AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

4. NAMED AS ADVISORS AND AIDES TO THE PRESIDENT WERE:

SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE PRESIDENCY: ALVARO PEREZ VIVES,
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LIBERAL;
LEGAL ADVISOR: BENJAMIN LOPEZ RAMIERZ;
PRESS AND INFORMATION SECRETARY: MARTHA MONTOYA, JOURNALIST;
ECONOMIC SECRETARY: EDGAR MONCAYO;
PRIVATE SECRETARY: DIANA TURBAY DE HOYOS, ONE OF THE PRESI-
DENT'S TWO DAUGHTERS, WHO ASSISTED HIM IN
HIS CAMPAIGN.

5. ADDITIONAL BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW.

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